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**To: People Interested in the Kangley-Echo Lake Transmission Line Project**

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has completed a final environmental impact statement (FEIS) for the proposed Kangley-Echo Lake Transmission Line Project. The proposed line in central King County, Washington, is needed to accommodate electrical growth and ensure electrical reliability in the Puget Sound area. This letter announces the release of the FEIS, describes the next steps for the project, and provides contact information for any questions you may have.

**Background**

BPA released a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) in June 2001 and, in response to public comments, released a supplemental draft environmental impact statement (SDEIS) in January 2003. The SDEIS included additional alternatives requested by commenters, including alternatives outside the Cedar River Municipal Watershed (CRMW) and a non-transmission alternative. The SDEIS also included updated information about the original alternatives analyzed.

The completed FEIS is the next step in the environmental process and has been prepared as an "abbreviated" FEIS because there have been no substantial changes to the proposed action, alternatives, or environmental analyses that were presented in the SDEIS. The FEIS provides comments received on the DEIS and the SDEIS, agency responses to these comments, and any changes made to the SDEIS. It should be used as a companion document to the SDEIS, which contains the full text of the affected environment, environmental analyses, and appendices.

BPA's preferred alternative is still Alternative 1, a new transmission line that parallels an existing BPA transmission line through the CRMW. The preferred alternative has fewer environmental impacts than other alternatives, has the least overall cost, and best satisfies the need. If BPA decides to build the line through the CRMW, the agency would mitigate for any impacts to ensure a safe drinking water supply for the Seattle area.

Because the FEIS is unusually long (almost 800 pages), BPA has prepared a summary of the document with a compact disc (CD) that contains the entire document including appendices. If you requested a hard copy of the document, the summary is enclosed. Local libraries will also have a copy of the summary and CD (see the enclosed library list). If you would like copies of the SDEIS, please call toll-free 1-888-276-7790 (additional contact information is listed on the following page). Copies of the SDEIS were also distributed to local libraries.

**Next Steps**

BPA's Administrator will make a decision about this project in July 2003 and document it in a record of decision (ROD). The ROD will state which alternative will be implemented and whether BPA will construct a new transmission line. BPA will make the ROD available to the public and send it to the project mailing list. If BPA decides to proceed with the project, construction could begin immediately.

**For More Information**

If you need more information about the project or would like to request copies of any of the environmental documents referenced on the previous page, please call toll-free 1-888-276-7790. You can also access project documents on the Transmission Business Line Web site [www.transmission.bpa.gov/projects](http://www.transmission.bpa.gov/projects). Thank you for your continued interest in this project.

Sincerely,



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Project Manager

Enclosures:

FEIS Summary (if previously requested)  
Reference Library List

## **Reference Library List**

The Kangley-Echo Lake Transmission Line Project final environmental impact statement summary with compact disc (CD) is available at these libraries:

1. County of King Library  
North Bend Branch  
115 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
North Bend, WA 98045-8251
2. County of King Library System  
Snoqualmie Branch  
PO Box 986  
Snoqualmie, WA 98065-0968
3. Washington State University  
Attn: Emmett Moore  
2710 University Drive  
Richland, WA 99352-2471
4. Anitoch University (Seattle)  
2326 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98121-1813
5. Seattle University  
Lemieux Library  
900 Broadway  
Seattle, WA 98122
6. Seattle Pacific University  
3307 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. W  
Seattle, WA 98119-1940
7. County of King Library System  
Mercer Island Branch  
4400 88<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE  
Mercer Island, WA 98040-4148
8. Bellevue Regional Library  
1111 110<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE  
Bellevue, WA 98004-4515
9. County of King Library System  
Lake Hills Branch  
15228 Lake Hills Blvd.  
Bellevue, WA 98007-5926
10. County of King Library System  
Newport Way Branch  
14250 SE Newport Way  
Bellevue, WA 98006-1507
11. City University  
335 116<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE  
Bellevue, WA 98004-6407
12. Bothell Regional Library  
18215 98<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE  
Bothell, WA 98011-3336
13. University of Washington (Bothell)  
18115 Campus Way NE  
Bothell, WA 98011-8246
14. County of King Library System  
Kingsgate Branch  
12315 NE 143<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Kirkland, WA 98034-1415
15. Kirkland Library  
308 Kirkland Avenue  
Kirkland, WA 98033-6221
16. Northwest College  
5520 108<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE  
Kirkland, WA 98033-7523
17. Redmond Regional Library  
15990 NE 85<sup>th</sup> Street  
Redmond, WA 98052-3531
18. County of King Library System  
Maple Valley Branch  
21844 SE 248th Street  
Maple Valley, WA 98038
19. County of King Library System  
Kent Regional Branch  
212 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. NE  
Kent, WA 98032-4482
20. City University  
919 SW Grady Way  
Renton, WA 98055-2980
21. Fairwood Library  
17009 140<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE  
Renton, WA 98058-6928
22. County of King Library System  
Tukwila Branch  
14475 59<sup>th</sup> Ave. S  
Tukwila, WA 98168-4536
23. Foster Library  
4060 S. 144<sup>th</sup>  
Tukwila, WA 98168

24. County of King Library System  
Valley View Branch  
17850 Military Road S  
SeaTac, WA 98188

25. County of King Library System  
White Center Branch  
11220 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW  
Seattle, WA 98146

26. University of Washington  
Environmental Outlook  
4225 Roosevelt Way NE  
Suite 100  
Seattle, WA 98105

27. University of Washington  
College of Forest Resource  
Bloedel Hall  
Box 352112  
Seattle, WA 98195

28. University of Washington  
Department of Fisheries  
151 Ocean. Teaching Building  
Box 357952  
Seattle, WA 98195